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EXCERPT FROM ORE MONTHLY REPORT - September 1949

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The following comments contained in the monthly reports from the Far East/Pacific Division of OE are quoted as an indication of the problems facing CIA in intelligence production.

" The following comments pertinent to ORE 76-49 are submitted: This project is a re-write of Part I of ORE 72-49 occasioned by unexpected dissents from Air Force and Navy on the earlier paper and undertaken for the purpose of permitting exhaustive presentation and review of any intelligence that might have been overlooked, as had been inferred in the dissents on ORE 72-49. At coordination conferences on ORE 72-49 which required some 12 working hours, no IAC agency presented any substantial data for revision of the original report, although a number of editorial refinements were made. Conferencees of three of the four IAC agencies represented (State, Navy and Air Force) indicated that their views reflected departmental policy - as distinguished from objective intelligence opinions. The net result, even if the paper is concurred in its present form, will be a published estimate issued some three months after the date for which it was originally requested and answering only part of the questions posed. Part II of ORE 72-49 has yet to go through the same time-consuming processing involved in ORE 76-49. It becomes more apparent than ever that under its existing charter, CIA is not in position to produce coordinated national intelligence estimates on a timely basis except in the extraordinary situations where such estimates happen to agree with departmental policies of all IAC agencies. While publication with departmental dissent is possible, in such cases CIA has no recourse against unjustified innuendo and even direct charges of failure to reflect faithfully all available intelligence without becoming involved in the type of review afforded ORE 76-49."

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